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Washington Document Center

1. Your Disposition Form of 23 September, subject, Washington Document Center, indicates that consideration is being given to the assignment of that Center to the Office of Research and Evaluation. Examination of its operations indicates that its functions are only slightly related to the work that is assigned to the Office of Research and Evaluation. It, in effect, is a producer of raw information in the same sense that FEIS and SSU are, and for that reason the problems of administering it would be almost similar to those of the other information producing agencies. It seems inappropriate, therefore, to single out this agency for assignment to ORE.

2. It is, therefore recommended that consideration be given to assignment of the Washington Document Center to the Office of Operations. If there is any bar to such an arrangement on the grounds of security, it is suggested that WDC might logically be assigned either to the Office of Collection and Dissemination or to the Executive for Personnel and Administration.

3. In response to the request made in your Disposition Form, [redacted] are designated to represent ORE in further discussions of the final disposition of the Washington Document Center.

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DISPOSITION FORM

FROM	TO	DATE	FROM	TO	DATE
		DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE			CHIEF, CENTRAL REPORTS STAFF
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		Support Branch			Security Branch

REFERENCES:	ENCLOSURES:	ACTION	DIRECT REPLY
		RECOMMENDATION	COMMENT
		SIGNATURE	FILE
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		RETURN	MAIL
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REMARKS: Subject: Washington Document Center.

1. After a study of the functions and operations of the Washington Document Center by ICAPS, the Director of Central Intelligence has approved a plan to gradually take over this intelligence agency.

2. The plan calls for the transfer to CIG rolls of approximately 55 War Department Civil Service personnel now employed in the Washington Document Center. This action was necessary due to fact that this key personnel would otherwise have been dropped from the Washington Document Center by October 9, due to War Department budgetary cuts. For the time being this personnel will continue to function under joint direction of the Army and the Navy who are now supervising the Center. It is the intention that CIG may be able to take over the Center on or about 1 December 1946, in its present location.

3. It is requested that your office study this matter and prepare plans for the gradual taking over of the Washington Document Center and that you designate a representative who will be charged with coordinating the administrative and operational arrangements thereto. Further request a status report be made to ICAPS on 15 October and

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on 15 November of the plans and progress in this matter.

4. It is realized that if ORE takes over this agency, its organization must be adopted to provide a translation section in the Central Reference File and appropriate steps are being taken by ICAPS to assure such a provision.



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